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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: BERDIMUHAMEDOV SON-IN-LAW TO HEAD
LONDON OFFICE OF STATE AGENCY FOR MANAGEMENT AND USE OF
HYDROCARBON RESOURCES

Classified By: Charge Sylvia Reed Curran for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C) President Berdimuhamedov's son-in-law, Yhlasgeldi Amanov (DPOB: Ashgabat, July 19, 1983), is currently living in London and setting up an overseas office of the State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources, according to UK embassy sources. At first, the British were unaware of who he was and what exactly he planned to do in the UK. Amanov applied for a visa several weeks ago to "scout for a location for the office" and received the appropriate business visa for an exploratory visit. However, when he landed in London, he told the immigration official that he planned to head the office and work there for at least a year. As soon as the immigration official told Amanov he was going to be denied entry because he had the wrong visa, Amanov called the Turkmenistan embassy, which informed the MFA in Ashgabat. MFA let the Presidential apparatus know, after which the British embassy was contacted to correct the problem. Needless to say, at that point the British discovered Amanov's ties to the president, and Amanov and his family were admitted entry.

¶2. (C) Amanov is living in the UK with his wife, Guljahan (DPOB: Ashgabat, January 1, 1985), and son, Ysmail (DPOB: Ashgabat, March 17, 2005). Guljahan is now working at Turkmenistan's embassy in London.

¶3. (C) COMMENT: While we do not know a lot about Berdimuhamedov's family, it seems that we learn more every time one gets a government position. It had been rumored that former State Agency Executive Director Bayrammurat Muradov might become the head of the State Agency's London office. Apparently, he won't. According to sources, Muradov remains jobless. END COMMENT.

¶4. (C) We will fax a copy of the first page of Amanov's visa application, with his photo to SCA/CEN.
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